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## A THIEF IN DISGUISE.

## Welcomed as a Long Lost Son by Wealthy Farmer.

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GLEN CITY, Pat, June—A curious case of robbery has just taken place here, in which the principal characters are a farmer, and an adventurer from Chicago. The farmer, Emery Snyder by name is well known in farm circles throughout Columbia county and is one of the pillars of the Methodist church, as well as an active politician. He is one of the largest and wealthiest land-owners in this district, and being a widower, lives this district, and being a widower, lives alone with his sorvants in a fine man-sion some miles from here.

His only child, a boy, ran away from home fifteen years ago, for some un-known cause, and only one letter wa-ever received from him. This located him in Chicago. Rumors came to Say der's cars that his son was leading a wild life in the West. It is well known that the farmer always kept a large amount of money in the house.

### THE PRODIGAL SON'S RETURN.

About two weeks ago a tall, flashily dressed and handsome young manarrived here and went straight to the residence of Mr. Snyder. It was stated that he was the famous runaway son. He soon made many friends in the vicinity, his made many friends in the vicinity. Its conduct being very circumspect. He was a regular attendant at church, and the old farmer took great pride in showing off his handsome son. At first no one for a moment suspected that the young man was other than young Snyder. Some inquisitive farmers occasionally tripped him any when speaking of his tripped him up when speaking of his the way has a very incorrect report of boyish antecedents and, notwithstanding that scene. Foote was pouring forth that he was a smooth glib talker, and managed to smooth things over, it soon became whispered about that he was not last he sprang up and advanced as if the farmer's son. Whether these rumors reached Farmer Snyder's ears or not is unknown, but certain it is that he seemed to take the handsome young man more and more into his confidence.

On last Wednesday a stylishly dressed young woman appeared in the village and put up at a tavern near the Snyder homestead. That night young Snyder called on her, and, up to Thursday night, was constantly in her society.

## BOUND GAGGED AND ROBBED.

he was a proverbially early riser. Neither had his son appeared, although the latter fact did not attract much notice. Breakfast was kept waiting, and at 9 o'clock Mr. Snyder had not yet appeared, the servants were greatly alarmed. They awaited anxiously until 10:30 o'clock, when they determined to call him. Going to his bedroom they found the door locked. After knocking loudly and receiving no answer they burst Stanton series of the giants of the servants were greatly alarmed. They awaited anxiously until 10:30 o'clock, when they determined to call him. Stanton, Lincoln's secretary of war, was burly, fat and thick-set. He was a good lawyer, but not to be compared with any other of the giants was proved to properly estimate his standing. He had bull-dog pertinacity, which always goes a long ways. Benton was a large man, something like Stanton. Stanton, Lincoln's secretary of war, was burly, fat and thick-set. He was a good lawyer, but not to be compared with any other of the giants was compared with any other of the giants was a large man, something like Stanton. Stanton, Lincoln's secretary of war, was burly, fat and thick-set. He was a good lawyer, but not to be compared with any other of the giants. and receiving no answer they burst open the door, and there, lying upon the bedroom floor, they beheld the old farmer bound and gagged. A double-twist of ropes bound him and the gag tightly

wedged in his mouth.

His safe, containing his money and thing.

"W the contents scattered around the floor.

Cutting the old man's bonds, the servants lifted him to his feet.

Mr. Snyder states that for some time past the young man had been asking him past the young man had been asking him many questions in a quiet way about his cattle, lands and money. On Thursday night he sat up until nearly 11 o'clock with the young man talking with him about Western scenes, and at 12 o'clock, after he had retired, he was suddenly awakened by a slight noise in the room next to him occupied by the son. Ashort time after he suid he heard a poise. ed out to satisfy himself, but seeing nothing, retired again. He soon fell sound asleep. How long he slept he could not state. He says he was awakencolin hot state. He says he was awaken-ed by a gag being thrust into his mouth, and before he could defend himself he was securely bound. Looking up, he saw in the darkness two figures standing over him. One of the over him. One of the two went toward an old-fashioned bureau in the corner of the room, upon which stood a large oil lamp and proceeded to light it.

## RECOGNIZING THE SUPPOSED SON

The old man saw by the light that his assailants were a man and a weman. As soon as the man turned squarely around he recognized the laughing features of his handsome boy. Coolly and deliberately they proceeded to rifle his pockets, and soon found the keys of the safe. The pobbers then believe them selves to the contents. The papers they cast upon the floor. cast upon the floor.

now that the robber was not his son, and that he was imposed upon. The young man in question bore a striking resemblance to his son, and what difference there was in manner and appearance he attributed to the 15 years above the war, he said, but, generally the said, generally the The old man says he is convinced

The booty taken by the thieves to buy so many wagons?" amounts to \$8,500, of which \$4,500 is in government bonds. The balance is in greenbacks. The numbers of the bonds have been given to the authorities. To-day a detective arrived from Chicago in I Lamp shades of pale blue may have been given to the authorities. To day a detective arrived from Chicago in search of a man and woman, who exactly answer in appearance to the farmer's pretended sor and his companion. He stated that the handsome young man was one of he most noted confidence men in the Nest, and went under numerous aliases, but was generally known as "Fly Bil," and that the woman was a well-knowr courtesan of Chicago.

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A heavy reward will be offered for their appehension. All the officers are at a loss to discover any clue to them.

H. B. Lacey, Esq., Circuit Clerk, Chickanaw county, Miss., says: "I, have received material benefit from Brown's Iron Bitters."

## SOME FAMOUS AMERICANS

Col. Thompson has been furnishing Meriwether's Weekly with some recolections of famous men, and though his views are somewhat tainted, they are readable and given for what they are worth. Calhoun, he said, always dressed neatly, neither too much re-too little. Webster wore a great coat with long tails and invariably decorated with large metal buttons. Clay generally appeared a little neglige, his cravat tied loosely and flowing. "Clay I always considered an over-rated man. He was hail fellow-well-met, full of magnetism a splendid speaker for the masses, but far from the philosopher and profound statesman that Calhoun was. As an

cra'or he excelled all his opponents. Silas Wright of New York was also a great speaker. He always took a deep drink just before beginning a speech, after which he would start off with a stream of cold, polished cloquence. The fiery orators were all from the South, Foote of Mississippi was a regular skirmisher, and made a great deal of fuss in the senate. He took all sides of all questions, and never really had much weight. learning however, was wonderful, a torrent of biting invective, so scathlast he sprang up and advanced as if to attack Foote. Foote, small, slim, and wiry, was not so large as Benton but stood his ground, whereupon Benton turned and left the senate, It was at that moment Foote, pointing his long finger at the retreating figure of the senator, repeated that famous line from Cicero against Cataline which translated means:

"He turns, he turns he files." "Benton was a very conceited man He posessed considerable learning On Friday morning the servants in the house were greatly surprised by finding Mr. Snyder had not yet awakened, as 'compilations.' It is rather difficult but I want you to promise me one

"What is it? I asked. "If you are ever in a positon where I can help you, I want you to call on

"I promised, and we separated. A short time after he said he heard a noise, first helped him up. When secretary as if the door was being opened and shut. of the interior under Buchanan I Arising, he went to the window and look controlled the judicial fund, and appointed Stanton to defend the interests of the United States in the Almaden quieksilver mines case in violently opposed to me all through the war. Seward was a gentleman in bearing, very dignified, and in conversation intelligent-something of the 'professor's face, a tall, lean man, large features, heavy eyebrows. never met Lipcoln after '61, but I in 1845, as a future president, the During this time the woman had worn a black mask over her face, but while she and her companion were going through the safe it fell off. The old man saw the features of the young woman who had put up at the village inn. After they had accused everything of value they turned to the old man, and the young one laughingly said:

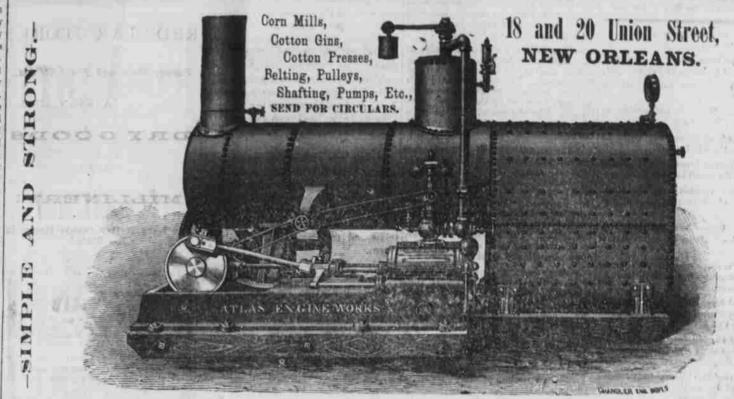
In 1845, as a future president, the joke would have been considered worse than an April fool affair. One of the speeches that Lincoln made during the Mexican war was humorous. He was opposed to the war and went into curious speculations as to the length of the line of wagons that would be required to hold the money and the young one laughingly said:

"Ta, ta, dad; I'll pay your respects to your son when I reach Chicago."

They then left, locking the doors after them. The old man says he is convinced

tlemen, where can we raise the money

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